

LITERARY NOTES.

The Odessa Vétoik understands that no less than three daily newspapers in the French language are to be shortly started at Odessa. Of these the *Journal d'Odessa* is a revival of a newspaper that suspended its existence some time ago, and the *Etoile* and *Echo* are new ones. As the previous career of the first-named journal was not a very successful one, it is hard to see how three French papers can exist side by side at Odessa.

One curious item in the statistics of Japan shows that of the total number of newspapers sold, amounting to over thirty-three millions, 39,517 were purchased by foreigners. Taking all the year round, an average of 91,500 papers are sold daily, and taking into consideration the population of the country, on the average every 10,000 persons purchase twenty-six newspapers. The number of books published annually during the year was 5,317; of these, 1,495 were copyrighted.

Mr. William Winter is preparing a complete edition of his poems, which will contain those verses in his four previous volumes which he wishes to preserve, and others which are still uncollected or unpublished. He is also preparing a revised edition of the late George Arnold's poems. This volume will contain the memoirs and portrait of the first edition, and divers of Mr. Arnold's poems which have not before been collected. Another work which will probably appear at short intervals is a new edition of Mr. Winter's "Trip to England," which will include the Stratford article lately published in *Harper's Magazine*, and which will be illustrated by Mr. Joseph Jefferson, who has a great fancy for the book.

The Examiner says: "The Cossack, at last, is becoming a literary man." The Diary of a Don Cossack Duevnik Donskoia Kurska, 1877-1878, is the title of a work by Mr. C. P. Poloskoff, a member of the celebrated hordes, describing his adventures during the Turkish war. Turgenef is receiving a warm reception at Moscow. Prince Meshchersky has published the first volume of a work entitled 'Contemporary Russia in the Writings of Foreigners.' The first part is entitled 'The Old and the New.' M. Berzen has published a translation of Captain Columb's 'Marine War Game.' Colombe Venakoff is publishing a 'Recollection of my stay in the Russian Army,' which also contains the 'Traveling Adventures of a Dutchman,' the title of a new edition of Mr. C. J. Wright's 'A. M. Principal.'

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY ACADEMY. CHESTER, PA.—The new class of cadets and officers degrees conferred.

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